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On toxic site abandoned for decades, developer sees townhouses sprouting in Chesco Asleep after a long day at her social-work job, Peggy Miros was jolted awake by a booming voice through a loudspeaker urging her and her neighbors

to evacuate their homes. A cloud of toxic gas had formed when chemicals accidentally combined at the steel tube manufacturer next to her housing development in East Whiteland Township, Chester County, in the early morning hours of June 9, 1981. In the sultry air, a steady southwest breeze exported the chemical mist toward General Warren Village, 500 yards away, before the cloud dissipated. Some of Miros' neighbors went to the hospital with nausea and skin irritation. "It was pretty scary," said Miros, who evacuated with her husband, 11-year-old son, and 8-year-old daughter. "We were told to get out of Dodge." They were able to return after a few hours, only to be evacuated again 13 hours later. The EPA later found trichloroethylene (TCE), a degreasing agent linked to cancer, in the property's groundwater. The former Bishop Tube Co. site, which produced stainless steel tubes from the 1950s until 1999, now is host to graffitied and dilapidated buildings, shattered windows, cracked concrete, and overgrown vegetation, one of more than 450,000 contaminated "brownfields" across the nation. But a prominent local developer says he can make something flourish there: townhouses. J. Brian O'Neill wants to build 228 of them, telling skeptical residents he is their best hope to finally clean up the property, which has languished as the state Department of Environmental Protection has worked to force previous owners of the property to pay for cleanup...

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